

# Sample Truman Scholarship Application

**You must submit your materials through the Foundation's on-line application system. Your Faculty Rep can provide you access to this system. This form is for reference only.**

The Foundation's website [www.truman.gov] offers guidance in completing your materials, samples of exemplary responses, and other competition information. The application, policy proposal, and letter of recommendation forms are available both as templates and PDF files on the website.

I, \_\_\_\_\_ have read and understand the conditions of the Truman Scholarship as explained in the current **Notes to Candidates for Scholarships** and the current Bulletin of Information. I affirm that I plan to pursue a career in public service as defined in those documents. I give permission to officials of my institution to release transcripts of my academic record and other information requested for consideration in the Truman Scholarship program. I understand that this application will be available only to qualified people who need to see it in the course of their duties. I waive the right to access letters of recommendation written on my behalf. If selected as a Truman Scholar, I agree to attend the Truman Scholar Leadership Week and Awards Ceremony, in Liberty and Independence, Missouri. I affirm that all of this application, including the policy proposal, is my own work or formally cited from other sources. I affirm the information contained herein is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Legal name in full

(Print/Type)

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Permanent residence

\_\_\_\_\_

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Your address at school

(if different)

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How is permanent residence established?

(At least two must apply.)

Home telephone

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☐ Home address for school registration

School telephone

\_\_\_\_\_

☐ Place of registration to vote

(if different)

☐ Family's primary residence

E-mail address

☐ Other:

Date of birth

Age

Month/Day/Year

(Check one) I am a ☐ U.S. citizen ☐ U.S. national ☐ Resident alien expecting citizenship by the date of award

Will you be studying in Europe, Africa, the Middle East, or India during the Spring semester?

☐ Yes

☐ No

(If yes) Where? \_\_\_\_\_

If selected as a Finalist and space is available, would you prefer to be interviewed in Oxford, England, competing for up to four at-large Truman Scholarships?

☐ Yes ☐ No, I'd rather be interviewed in the U.S. with the other Finalists from my home state.

Name of nominating institution \_\_\_\_\_

Current cumulative GPA \_\_\_\_\_

on a scale of \_\_\_\_\_

Your undergraduate major(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Number of college credits earned to date \_\_\_\_\_

Total number of credits required for graduation \_\_\_\_\_

Expected date to receive baccalaureate degree \_\_\_\_\_

Degree you will receive \_\_\_\_\_

Graduate degree(s) sought \_\_\_\_\_

Concentration(s) \_\_\_\_\_

If you have more activities, work experience, and/or awards than the space allows, list only those you consider most significant. Inserts, attachments, and additional pages will not be accepted.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

- 1. List the secondary school from which you graduated, and all higher education institutions attended. Include summer, study-abroad, exchange programs and your nominating institution (up to six).**

School	Location	Dates Attended
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- 2. List college and high school activities (student government, sports, publications, school-sponsored community service programs, student-faculty committees, arts, music, etc.). List in descending order of significance. You will have space for eight college and four high school activities.**

College Activity	Dates	Offices
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High School Activity	Dates	Offices
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- 3. List public service and community activities (homeless services, environmental protection/conservation, advocacy activities, work with religious organizations, etc.). Do not repeat items listed previously. List in descending order of significance. You will have space to list six.**

Activity	Role	Dates	# of Weeks Active
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Name \_\_\_\_\_

- 4. List government activities (internships with government agencies, partisan political activities, ROTC/military, municipal boards and commissions). List student government under Item 2.**

# of Weeks Active

Activity

Role

Dates

- 5. List part-time and full-time jobs and nongovernment internships since high school graduation.**

Average # of  
Hours/Week

Type of Work

Employer

Dates

- 6. List awards, scholarships, publications or special recognitions you have received. List in descending order of significance.**

- 7. Describe one specific example of your leadership. (The writer of your letter of recommendation re: Leadership Abilities and Potential must confirm this experience.) Limit 2000 characters including spaces.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

**8. Describe a recent particularly satisfying public service activity (do not repeat experience described in 7). Limit 1700 characters including spaces**

**9. Describe the problem or needs of society you want to address when you enter public service. (If possible, use statistical data to define the magnitude of the problem.) Limit 1500 characters including spaces**

**10. What are the three most significant courses you have taken in preparation for your career? Briefly explain why these courses were most significant.**

**11. If selected as a Truman Scholar, would you apply for the Washington Summer Institute? If yes, where would you like to work and what issues would you like to address? If no, what are your plans for the summer after you graduate?**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

**12. Describe the graduate education program you intend to pursue if you receive a Truman Scholarship.**

Limit 2000 characters including spaces

**13. What do you hope to do and what position do you hope to have upon completing your graduate studies? Limit**

900 characters including spaces

**14. What do you hope to do and what position do you hope to have five to seven years later? Limit 900 characters**

including spaces

**15. What additional personal information do you wish to share with the Truman Scholarship Foundation? Limit**

2000 characters including spaces